

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING CHILD
PROTECTIVE SERVICES

A. Target Group: The person for whom Medicaid participates in the cost of case management services must:

1. Be Medicaid eligible;
2. Be a child who has been the subject of a child abuse or neglect report or believed to be at risk thereof as defined by North Dakota Century Code 50-24.1; and
3. Be under age 18 and determined to be (1) services recommended; or (2) services required as defined by the North Dakota Department of Human Services in accordance with North Dakota Century Code 50-25.1.

B. Areas of State in which services will be provided:

- ☒ Entire State.
- ☐ Only in the following geographic areas (authority of section 1915(g)(1) of the Act is invoked to provide services less than Statewide.

C. Comparability of Services

- ☐ Services are provided in accordance with section 1902(a)(10)(B) of the Act.
- ☒ Services are not comparable in amount, duration, and scope. Authority of section 1915(g)(1) of the Act is invoked to provide services without regard to the requirements of section 1902(a)(10)(B) of the Act.

D. Definition of Services:

Case Management Services is a combination of activities that assure that an eligible child has access to a full array of needed medical, education, vocational, social, treatment and rehabilitative services. A mechanism for referral will exist as an integral aspect of this service, as will a process for follow-up monitoring. Case Management will enable these clients to have timely access to the services and programs that can best deal with their needs.

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All providers must demonstrate the capacity to provide all core elements of case management services including:

- 1) Crisis Intervention consists of the following:
 - a. Assesses the crisis situation and makes any necessary referrals to ensure that the child receives the most appropriate and cost-effective services from professional treatment providers.
 - b. Provides ongoing monitoring to ascertain likely and emerging crises of the recipient.
 - c. Advocates for the use of the least restrictive service available, and coordinate alternative arrangements where indicated and as available.
- 2) Functional Assessment consists of a written comprehensive assessment of a child's abilities, deficits, and needs must be conducted. Persons from relevant disciplines should be used to document service gaps and unmet needs. All services appropriate to the child's needs should be part of this activity.
- 3) Individual Treatment Plan Development consists of a plan that is specifically tailored to the needs of each child and includes specific goals, objectives, services to be provided, responsible persons, projected timeliness, and criterion for attainment. To the maximum extent possible, the development of an individual treatment plan is a collaborative process involving the child, the family or other support systems, the case management provider, and other service providers if applicable.
- 4) Service Mobilization, Coordination, and Monitoring consists of developing a supportive relationship with the child that links the child to counseling, crisis intervention, problem solving and community living skills training that is provided by other professional treatment providers. Activities required to link the child to services specified in the plan are operationalized, and consultation is provided to providers and formal/informal support systems. Reviews are conducted to assure that the services continue to be appropriate, that the child is engaging in activities specified in the individual treatment plan, and that progress and satisfaction is evaluated by the recipient and significant others.

E. Qualification of Providers

In order to ensure that care is properly coordinated, targeted case management services need to be delivered by providers who have experience in conducting child abuse and neglect assessment investigations.

Individual case managers must, at a minimum, hold a BSW and have completed Child Welfare Certification Training or be in candidate status of completing Child Welfare Certification Training and anticipate completing such training within six months.

F. The state assures that the provisions of case management services will not restrict an individual's free choice of providers in violation of section 1902(a)(23) of the Act.

- 1) Eligible recipients will have free choice of the providers of case management services.
- 2) Eligible recipients will have free choice of the providers of other medical care under the plan.

G. Payment for case management services under the plan does not duplicate payments made to public agencies or private entities under other program authorities for this same purpose.

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